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1. In political circles in East Berlin, it is believed possible that the Soviets will withdraw their occupation forces from East Germany. Party and government functionaries mentioned the partition of Korea in 1943 in this connection. The procedure chosen is believed to be as follows: The People's Chamber will ask for a withdrawal of all occupation troops in the interest of peace. The Soviets will then back this petition and conclude at the same time a treaty with the GDR Government on the continued stationing of special Soviet military contingents in Germany. German sovereignty will then be recognized by the USSR. 25X1
2. The main objectives of the Soviet and GDR policies appeared to be the following:
 - a. Fight against the ratification of the London agreement, [redacted] by the offer to withdraw Soviet troops [redacted] 2
 - b. Increase of Grotewohl's prestige by letting him score a political success exceeding that gained by Adenauer in London.
 - c. Propaganda exploitation of the fact that the Western powers intend to keep their occupation forces in Germany.
- [redacted] Comment. Moscow apparently believes that the proposal for a withdrawal of all occupation forces from Germany would considerably delay the negotiations on the London agreement. It is probably the intention of the Soviets to compare the withdrawal of Soviet occupation forces and the unarmed GDR with the West German rearmament. 23

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